

SB 250 -- LAW ENFORCEMENT SALES TAX

SPONSOR: Stoll (Wagner)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Local Government by a vote of 16 to 0.

This bill authorizes Jefferson County, upon voter approval, to impose by ordinance a retail sales tax of up to 0.5% for law enforcement services. The bill requires 25% of the sales tax revenue collected to be deposited into the county prosecuting attorney's office sales tax trust fund and to be used solely by the county prosecuting attorney's office.

The bill contains an emergency clause.

FISCAL NOTE: Income to General Revenue Fund of Unknown in FY 2004, FY 2005, and FY 2006.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that Jefferson County needs funds for additional law enforcement. The area has grown, and existing law enforcement officials cannot do an adequate job. Seventy-five percent of the area is unincorporated and depends on the county for law enforcement.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Stoll; and Clay County.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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